

Wonderful Watershed Moments!

SEPTEMBER 2018



LOCATION:
King's Park, Etobicoke Creek Watershed

DATE:
Saturday, September 15, 2018

REGION/MUNICIPALITY:
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga

PARTNERS:
Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA),
Region of Peel, City of Mississauga, Amcor Corporation
Employees and Family Members



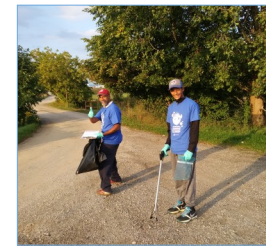
Kings Park, Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign with Amcor Corporation Employees and Families

TRCA partnered with Amcor Corporation employees and their family members to participate in TRCA's Watershed Wide Cleanup Campaign in removing litter and debris from King's Park in the City of Mississauga.

A dedicated and hard working group of participants collected a total of 15 large bags of litter weighing over 870 pounds. Participants also excavated three car tires, a vacuum cleaner and multiple metal and wooden scraps from the nearby Etobicoke Creek. Approximately 500 cigarette butts were also collected from the parking lot.

Removing litter and debris from waterways and natural areas is crucial in preventing negative impacts these items pose to water quality, subsequently affecting both wildlife and human health. Plastics persist in the natural environment and do not fully break down. If not removed in their larger form, plastic breaks down becoming what is known as microplastics and are more difficult to collect. These microplastics are often mistaken as a food source by wildlife and when ingested can be extremely harmful and sometimes fatal.

Removing illegal waste and litter is an important engagement opportunity to improve the overall health and function of watersheds, provides learning opportunities to the importance of practicing proper garbage disposal in the form of recycling and allows community residents a greater understanding and appreciation of natural areas.



Positive Environmental Impacts

# of Participants	# of Garbage Bags Collected	Total Weight Collected (lbs)	Participant Hrs Contributed
25	15	~ 870	75

